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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 4, 2006.

Claim Amendments are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Specification Amendments begin on page 4 of this paper. Replacement page 39 of this application with the amended Abstract is also being filed herewith.

Drawing Amendments begin on page 5 of this paper, with annotated copies of drawing sheets 2 and 3 being attached as an Appendix to show the changes being made. Replacement sheets 2 and 3 of the formal drawings are also being filed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Appendix of the replacement page 39 of this application and two sheets of amended drawing figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.

Reconsideration is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.